

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

PROJECT USEFUL

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BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE

Since 1954 the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY has annually presented an orientation course, known as Project USEFUL, to senior officers of the Unified and Specified Commands and to certain individuals of CONUS elements. The primary objective of this orientation is to maintain and improve CIA - DOD cooperation by providing selected members of the Armed Forces the opportunity to become more fully and accurately acquainted with CIA's mission and capabilities in peace and war. Key CIA officials will discuss the functions of their components, with specific attention to CIA's role in areas of common concern to the Intelligence Community. Also, special emphasis will be placed in the course on matters of direct interest to the Armed Forces, such as war and contingency planning, scientific and technical intelligence, and the coordination of foreign intelligence collection activities. It is hoped that these briefings will contribute to a better appreciation of how CIA and the military services can provide mutual assistance in the difficult and vital tasks which confront us all.

